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Letter/Petition

Enclosed is the 19 page amendment/remarks and 5 page attachment thereto mailed to the Patent office on 03/10/2004. Such amendment was responsive to the non-final office action of 01/23/2004. Also enclosed is a copy of the front and rear sides of the self-addressed post card enclosed with the above amendment which bears the 16 MAR 2004 post mark and the Patent Office stamp indicating receipt by the Patent Office on MAR 15, 2004.

The Examiner in charge of this application telephoned the undersigned attorney on 07/23/2004 and inquired as to the status of the application and indicated that he had not

received a reply to the outstanding Office Action of 01/23/2004 and advising that steps were needed to reinstate the application.

Accordingly reinstatement of the application is requested as it appears clear from the proofs set out in paragraph 1 above that the Patent Office did receive the amendment within the statutory period for reply and that no abandonment of the application occurred. In addition expedited handling of this matter is solicited since allowed claims are present in the application and the above referred to subject amendment filed 03/15/2004 deals in detail with those claims in the application which are also believed clearly allowable.

Applicant appreciates Examiner Michael Mendoza's initiative in contacting the undersigned attorney in this matter.

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action dated January 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 13 of this paper.

An Appendix of five pages with color highlighted key figures discussed in the Remarks/Arguments section is attached following Page 19 of this paper.